Strength of Labour

2017. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the labour in the country in organized and unorganized sector;

(b) the average wage in various sectors as per the structure approved by various wage boards;

(c) how many closures have been recommended so far by various State Governments as per the Industrial Dispute Act in the year 2002-2003, state-wise; and

(d) how many closures were effected by employers as per the above Act during the same period in respect of which Government permission was not required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) According to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, the estimated labour force in the country was 39.7 crore of which the employment in the organized sector was 2.8 crore and the remaining 36.9 crore in the unorganized sector.

(b) Various Wage Boards have been constituted in the past fifty years in different sectors of the economy for revision and fixation of wages. Out of these, only Wage Boards for Newspaper Employees are staturory and the rest non-statutroy. No non-statutory Wage Boards have been set up since 1985 and only the Wage Boards for journalists are set up by the Government. The last Wage Boards for newspapers emplyees. i.e. Manisana Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-journalist Newspapers and News Agency Employees submitted their recommendations on 25th July, 2000, which are notified on 05.12.2000 and 15.12.2000. As per these Baords, the average basic wage for newspaper employees various from Rs. 2803/- for the lowest paid employee in lowest class of establishment to Rs.18.118- for the highest paid employee in the highest class of establishment.

(c) and (d) The information about closures for 2002-2003 is not available as the year is yet to commence. However, as per available information, the figures of closures for the year 2001 are as under:—

State	No. of Closures (Prov.)
Goa	07
Gujarat	37
Haryana	01
Himachal Pradesh	05
Karnataka	06
Kerala	09
Orissa	02
Punjab	01
Rajasthan	01
Tamil Nadu	07
Uttar Pradesh	01
Chandigarh	10
Pondicherry	05
TOTAL:	92

Permission to close down industrial units

2018. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the proposed amendment to the "Industrial Dispute Act" by which those industries having one thousand labourers can close their unit without Government's permission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedies suggested by Government for welfare of the retrenched employees; and